

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 16, 2005, claims 9-42 are pending, claims 17-42 are withdrawn, claims 9-16 are rejected. Reconsideration is requested for at least the reasons discussed hereinbelow.

The above amendment is made to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as invention. Support for the amendment to claim 9 can be found in FIG. 5, reference numeral 44. New claims 43 and 50 corresponds to the subject matter of claims 10 and 11, respectively. support for the new claims can be found throughout the original application.

Claims 9, 10, 13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Tsunoda et al. (US 4,952,031; "Tsunoda"). Tsunoda describes a liquid crystal display device having an optical louver plate 8 having a number of cells. As illustrated in FIG. 1, in Tsunoda, a light emitting device is at one end of a cell.

However, in the present invention, as illustrated in FIG. 5, a plurality of louver cells are located immediately on each scanning signal light emitting element. Thus, it can be appreciated that the height of the cell walls can be reduced and yet provide substantial effective blocking of oblique emissions. This reduction in the wall height can enable flexibility in the design and manufacture of the device.

Tsunoda fails to provide even a hint of a suggestion for providing a plurality of louver cells are located immediately on each scanning signal light emitting element.

Thus, it is not seen how the present invention is anticipated by Tsunoda. Nor is it seen how the present invention would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of Tsunoda.

With respect to claims 10 and 43, a feature of the invention claimed therein resides in that the light blocking layer is provided on a side of the scanning signal light emitting element that is closer to the backlight. Although the Examiner states that Tsunoda et al. (US 4,952,031) discloses the light blocking layer, the light blocking layer of Tsunoda is provided on "the optically activated switch" as shown in Figure 4, not on the scanning signal light emitting element.

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tsunoda et al. in view of Yamanaka et al (US 6,351,010; "Yamanaka"). Yamanaka is cited to make up for the deficiencies in Tsunoda. Tsunoda is discussed in detail above. Yamanaka fails to make up for the deficiencies in Tsunoda. Yamanaka also fails to teach or suggest a display device having a plurality of louver cells are located immediately on each scanning signal light emitting element.

Thus, it is not seen how the present invention would have been obvious to one of

ordinary skill in the art in view of a combination of Tsunoda and Yamanaka.

Claims 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Tsunoda et al. in view of Iijima (US 6,870,586 B2). Iijima also is cited by the examiner to make up for deficiencies of Tsunoda. Tsunoda is discussed in detail above. Iijima also fails to make up for the deficiencies in Tsunoda. Iijima also fails to teach or suggest a display device having a plurality of louver cells are located immediately on each scanning signal light emitting element.

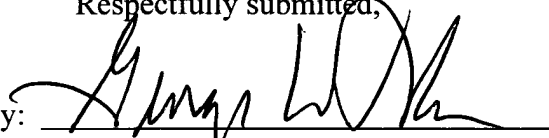
Further, with respect to claim 11 and new claim 50, a feature of the invention claimed therein resides in that substantially only light that is in the predetermined polarized state is incident on the optical switching element. Although the Examiner states that Iijima (US 6,870,586) discloses the feature, Iijima fails to disclose any optical switching element.

Thus, it is not seen how the present invention would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art in view of a combination of Tsunoda and Iijima.

In view of the amendments and discussion above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

If for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

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